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SUBJ: GUATEMALAN REQUEST FOR THREE HELICOPTERS

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1. EMBASSY SUPPORTS RECOMMENDATION REFTEL THAT LOQ FOR PURCHASE OF THREE UH-1H HUEY HELICOPTERS BE SENT TO GUATEMALAN MILITARY ATTACHE WASHINGTON.

2. THIS RECOMMENDATION BASED UPON EMBASSY'S BELIEF THAT US SHOULD CONTINUE TO SERVICE GUATEMALA'S NORMAL MILITARY EQUIPMENT NEEDS PROVIDED THEY DO NOT INTERFERE WITH ONGOING BELIZE NEGOTIATIONS.

3. GAF HAS RECENTLY CRACKED UP TWO HELICOPTERS AND IT IS NOT CLEAR YET WHETHER OR WHEN THEY WILL BE REPAIRED. THREE NEW HUEYS WHICH GOG IS NOW REQUESTING WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE TO GUATEMALA UNTIL LATE 1977 OR 1978, WE UNDERSTAND, BUT LOA WOULD BE SIGNED BETWEEN NOW AND MARCH 1977, THEREBY GAINING US SOME CREDIT. (EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS ORDER FOR OCTOBER 1976 HAS BEEN CANCELLED BECAUSE OF INSUFFICIENT NUMBER OF ORDERS.) WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO DELIVER ON VARIOUS OTHER GOG REQUESTS FOR MILITARY EQUIPMENT SO THIS WOULD BE A
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GOOD OCCASION FOR US TO MEET THEIR REQUESTS IN TIMELY

FASHION WITHOUT HAVING ANY ADVERSE EFFECT ON THE
CURRENT BELIZE NEGOTIATIONS.
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